## Governor of the State of Texas

## To ALL To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

WHEREAS, The Forty-first Legislature at its Fifth Called Session passed House Bill No. 6, being "AN ACT providing for State supervision of cotton weighing at cotton gins and other points of concentration and distribution; providing for State cotton weight supervision; providing penalties, fees to cover expense of administering the Act; making appropriation of monies to carry same into effect, and enacting all provisions and regulations incidental to the subject and purpose of this Act; and declaring an emergency"; and,

WHEREAS, said bill has been vetoed for the reasons set out in the following statement, which has been filed with said bill in the office of the Secretary of State:

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This Act provides for the employment of certain weight supervisors in the Department of Agriculture and to cover the expense of same a tax of two cents on each square bale and a tax of one cent on each round bale of cotton originally ginned is imposed on every person engaged in the operation of a gin for the ginning of cotton in this State. The tax thus imposed will ultimately be passed on to the cotton producers of this State and this would mean a tax on the cotton farmers of the State amounting to approximately \$100,000.00 per year. While the purpose of the Bill may be worth while, I believe its taxing feature is subject to serious objection. This Bill would result in adding a cost of about \$100,000.00 per year to the expense of operating the government. The tax imposed to meet this expense would, in my judgment, largely fall upon the producers of cotton, and instead of wanting to see their taxes increased, I am concerned in seeing this class of our citizenship relieved of some of the excessive burdens they are now bearing in support of the government. If the inspectors are needed and are to be employed other means of raising the revenue to pay their salaries should be adopted. For the reasons stated this bill is hereby vetoed.

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NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE FRESENTS, THAT I, DAN MOODY, Governor of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, have vetoed said bill for the reasons stated and on file, and do hereby proclaim said action to have been taken.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and
caused the seal of State to be impressed hereon at Austin, Texas,
this the \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of April,
A. D. 1930.

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Secretary of State

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